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## FOOTBALL FANS RIOT

### Navy Team Mobbed At Causeway Bay Shots Fired But No One Hit

TWO MEN WERE SERIOUSLY INJURED AND SEVERAL SHOTS WERE FIRED FROM THE MIDDLE OF A YELLING, HOOTING CROWD AT CAUSEWAY BAY YESTERDAY, FOLLOWING THE ABANDONMENT OF A SOCCER SEMI-FINAL GAME WHEN PARTISANS OF THE LOSING TEAM RUSHED THE FIELD.

NO ONE WAS HIT BY ANY OF THE BULLETS, AND IT IS NOT KNOWN WHO DID THE FIRING NOR WHAT WEAPON WAS USED. IT IS UNDERSTOOD, HOWEVER, THAT CARTRIDGE CASES PICKED UP SHOW THAT THE GUN WAS OF .22 CALIBRE AND PROBABLY A PISTOL.

The game was abandoned with only seven minutes more playing time, when Navy "rig" were leading Eastern, a Chinese team, by four goals to nil. The match was a keenly contested one, and Captain Laidy, R.A.F., the substitute, was ordered to warn both teams repeatedly.

Finally, two players started an argument, and this was the signal for supporters of the Eastern team to rush the field. Naval patrols tried to clear the field of the instructions of the referee, but at first the crowd was too much for them.

Bricks and stones came hurtling through the air at the Navy team, and it was obvious that at any moment some of them would be injured seriously. The Naval patrols were promptly reinforced by a number of Commandos who were among those watching the game. With belts whirling, they came to the support of the Navy patrols, and between them the field was cleared.

#### Game Abandoned

In view of the temper of the crowd, which was by no means abated, the referee had no alternative but to declare the game abandoned. This resulted in many stones and bricks being hurled by the crowd at the Navy team, the referee, officials and committeemen, who were trying to restore order.

The chairman of the Ground Committee received a severe cut above the eye, and other officials sustained cuts and bruises. The crowd followed the teams to the pavilion and continued to yell and boo outside, though no attempt was made to rush the building.

The game having been abandoned, Eastern prepared to leave. Mr. Av. Ho and other officials tried to persuade them to wait for the Navy team and afford the latter a little additional protection by leaving with them.

For some reason, the Eastern team would not listen to this sportsmanlike suggestion and left. The Navy team had, therefore, to run a gauntlet of more stones and bricks, and were lucky to get through without anyone being hit.

The Naval patrols and an unofficial but effective bodyguard of Commandos had stayed on to look after the officials and players, but were not involved in any further incidents.

#### Shots Fired

The crowd continued to demonstrate near the Causeway

#### Werewolves

London, March 24. Prague radio reported today that 100 members of a terrorist organization modelled after the Werewolves in Germany were arrested in connection with "a plot to overthrow the government."

The report alleged "support from abroad."—Associated Press.

#### Campaign Against U.S. Occupation

London, Mar. 24. The weekly "News of the World" today said in a despatch from Sapporo (Hokkaido), Japan, that a scant "few hundred" American paratroopers on the island are faced with the beginnings of a violent anti-occupation campaign.

Correspondent A. Noyes-Thomas said posters are appearing in public places—calling on Hokkaido's 3,000,000 people to "arm yourselves, even with bludgeons," and added that "harassed" American officers said they did not have enough interpreters even to check all the posters.

The despatch added that a curfew has been imposed and that all Japanese homes have been placed off-limits for United States troops in a "tense and hostile" atmosphere.—Associated Press.

#### Volcanic Eruption

Tokyo, Mar. 24. On the 15th day of eruption, the Minami lake volcanic peak in southern Kyushu has sent a stream of lava into the sea two miles distant while another stream creeps along the nearby lowlands at diminished pace.

A writer for the army newspaper "Stars and Stripes," who flew over the crater, said underground rumblings were growing.—Associated Press.

## SOVIET SPIES WERE LONG ON TRAIL

Montreal, March 24. Soviet agents were on the trail of Canada's atomic secrets for at least five months before the world first heard of the atomic bomb last August, according to evidence submitted by the Government yesterday in its spy trials.

Special prosecutor E. Phillips Bruns submitted documents purportedly stolen from the Russian embassy in Ottawa which form the backbone of the Government case against its employees and others accused of conspiracy.

The documents disclosed, the prosecutor alleged, that Soviet agents as early as March 23, 1945, knew of Canadian atomic work and were instructing their Canadian co-operators to report on it.

That many meetings between Soviet agents and Canadians were held at night on street corners.

That Canadians were given orders through the Soviet embassy; and that "the director," heretofore identified only that way, was "the chief of intelligence Headquarters" in Moscow.

The documents were identified by Igor Gouzenko, former code clerk in the Soviet embassy who is a leading Government witness.—Associated Press.

#### EMPEROR WORSHIP

Washington, Mar. 24. Approximately 90 per cent of the Japanese people desire to keep Emperor Hirohito in power as a symbol of national unity, George Atcheson, political advisor to General MacArthur, said last night in a radio address.

Atcheson said the importance of emperor worship in Japan had been exaggerated and while the Japanese were grateful to the throne for stopping the war, they do not worship him as a god.—Associated Press.

## Red Press Attack On America

(By Sylvain Mangeot)  
London, March 24.

The United States is now being included in the Soviet propaganda attacks with charges that American troops are being maintained in Iceland in violation of the United States-Iceland agreement providing for their withdrawal immediately after the end of the war.

This new attack is part of the recent noticeable shift in emphasis of Soviet propaganda, which is now concentrating on comments on the present of British or American troops in various parts of the world.

It provides a sound indication of the Soviet attitude at the Security Council when Russia will be called on to answer charges of maintaining troops in Iran in violation of international treaty.

It can readily be deduced that Moscow intends to counter criticisms of her action in Iran by drawing attention to the presence of British or American troops elsewhere and alleging that this constitutes a breach of the U.N.O. Charter, must as much as that of Russian troops in Iran.

Soviet broadcasters from Moscow seek to show that Indonesia, which formed the subject of the Ukrainian complaint before the Security Council at its last meeting, is still a threat to peace, while on Greece Soviet propaganda continues to claim that the coming elections will be invalid since they are being held only under British pressure and with the continued presence of British troops.

There have also been discourses on the struggle for independence of Syria and Lebanon without any references to the recent Anglo-French agreement on the withdrawal from Lebanon. A writer in the naval newspaper "Red Fleet" has also reported that Palestine is being built by the British in a first class naval and military base and an important centre of British political and financial influence.

#### Tactical Move

The recent evacuation by the Soviet of the Danish Baltic Sea island of Bornholm is seen as another tactical move in the same general strategy.

In citing instances of the retention of Allied troops abroad in Allied territory to counter the Iranian charges, the Soviet delegation will be able to put forward their voluntary withdrawal from Bornholm as proof of the sincerity of their intentions.

As this new line in Soviet propaganda is gradually built up, observers here are wondering whether the New York meeting of the Security Council will witness the repetition of the events in London, when the lodging of the first Iranian complaint was immediately followed by Soviet and Ukrainian nations on Greece and Indonesia.—Reuter.

#### "Shameless Demagoguery"

London, March 24. Moscow radio yesterday declared that democracy as never before "is being made an object of shameless demagoguery."

Most of a dozen Moscow broadcasts within the last 24 hours critical of the international situation were directed against British foreign, colonial and domestic policies.

Referring to the situation in Indonesia, the commentator V. Nikitin broadcast "The British and Dutch" authorities in Indonesia, after rejecting an investigation into the situation there by the U.N.O., are striving to pursue their policy without any interference or control from outside.

#### ATOMIC TESTS

New Orleans, Mar. 24. Secretary of the Navy Forrestal said atomic tests still are planned definitely, with the first about July 1 and the others possibly in December or January.

"The postponement is not indefinite," he said. "The matter was discussed in a cabinet meeting and the delay was determined upon for the reasons stated by President Truman."—Associated Press.

#### Russian Proposal Unpractical

Washington, Mar. 23. The Egyptian delegate to the Security Council, Hassan Mahmud Pasha, told Reuter today: "The Russian proposal that the meeting be postponed is unpractical. The agenda is full of important and urgent topics and most delegates have come from all corners of the earth."

Hassan Pasha said: "Both parties will be asked to produce their arguments and my decision will be based on the merits of their arguments. Egypt will stand for law and justice."

He said that he had not yet been instructed to raise any special questions at the forthcoming session of the Council. But he added: "Egypt's demand that all British troops quit the country will be carried to the Security Council if the British fail to comply with this demand during the discussions of the Anglo-Egyptian treaty."

"This is my personal opinion and I hope that we shall reach a satisfactory agreement with Britain and not have to raise the question further."—Reuter.

#### Fascists In Hungary

London, Mar. 24. Marshal Tito was quoted by Prague radio as charging that fascist elements in Hungary have become reagent, and that they have begun an underground movement against Yugoslavia and Czechoslovakia.

Tito's accusations were made at a press conference in Prague.—Associated Press.

#### Emir Pleased With Treaty

(By Jon Kimche)

London, March 24. Emir Abdullah of Transjordan, in an interview with me today expressed his great satisfaction at the new treaty with Britain.

"I have received more than I had hoped," he said. Some economic details remain to be settled but he said that he had given his word to Mr. Bevin not to divulge the text of the treaty until it was laid before Parliament next week.

Emir Abdullah said that he has not so far contemplated a treaty between Transjordan and Turkey on the lines of the new Turkish Iraqi treaty. He also thought it was too early to discuss the creation of a joint Palestine and Transjordan authority to harness the water of the Jordan for mutual irrigation purposes. In any case, that is the Zionist idea, he added.—Reuter.

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The commentator Leo Volynsky criticized the "democratization of Japan," saying "this has been in the hands of high ranking bureaucrats."—Associated Press.

## ENGLISH STANDARDS OF LIFE AT STAKE

BIRMINGHAM, MAR. 24. BRITAIN NEEDS AN EXPORT TRADE ALMOST DOUBLE THAT BEFORE THE WAR, DECLARED THE PRIME MINISTER, MR. CLEMENT ATTLEE, IN A SPEECH HERE TO-NIGHT.

"WE MUST NOT ONLY GAIN IT IN THIS TIME OF TRANSITION WHEN THERE IS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD A GREAT SHORTAGE OF CONSUMABLE GOODS BUT WE MUST MAINTAIN IT STEADILY IN YEARS TO COME" HE SAID.

"Perhaps our greatest asset to-day is inventiveness, our scientists' and technicians' skill, our workers' and managers' and the adaptability of our people."

"I know how often in war we had to improvise. We had to improvise manpower and materials. We had to depart from old methods and old customs. The same is true in these critical days. We are faced with a serious shortage of manpower. Just as in war we shall have to reinforce with female labour. We shall have to use older and less fit sections of our population."

"We must use skilled brains. I recall very well how during the war there was a contest between our scientists and those of the enemy and again and again the enemy would produce some new device. Our scientists never failed to counter it, nor did they stop at that. We also got ahead of the enemy by many devices. We always saw a difficulty as a thing to be overcome. We rejected over and over again the idea that something or other was impossible."

"In the war against want in which we are now engaged, those responsible for the management of industry must make as full a use of scientists as did the War Cabinet in the fight for freedom."

Speaking about labour problems, Mr. Attlee said: "We are rightly proud in this country that we have built a great machinery for the settlement of disputes. I think that in this we have set an example to the world. Having set up this

machinery, it is folly not to use it."

Heartening Signs  
The English standard of life was at stake, he said, adding: "We cannot afford unnecessary stoppages in our work. We have come through a very difficult period this first winter after war. We are by no means at the end of our difficulties but there are many heartening signs. Our export trade is steadily expanding. If we can get over the next 12 months without industrial difficulties at home we shall be well on the way to recovery."

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## Oil Behind Iran Dispute

New York, March 24. When one digs deep enough into the United Nations Soviet dispute over Iran, one strikes oil. Petroleum experts and geologists drew a rough oil map of Iran to-day to illustrate some sub-surface reasons for the fight now faced by the UNO Security Council.

Northern Iran, where the presence of Russian troops has caused so much controversy, is potentially rich in oil. The Azerbaijan province which adjoins Soviet territory in the North — was once known as the "Land of Fire" because of the flames from natural gas vents and open oil seepages. According to the best information available, this area is now producing comparatively little oil because of the lack of development.

In South-West Iran huge quantities of oil are being produced under concession to the Anglo-Iranian Oil Co., Ltd., which is under British control. Unofficial figures place the production there at around 365,000 barrels of crude oil daily, from 51 wells.

Most of Iran, particularly the area along the Persian Gulf, is potentially oil bearing. None of this area is under concession as yet, but a number of American oil companies are frankly interested in it, including the Standard Oil Co. As late as 1944, the Sinclair Oil Co. tried to obtain a 200,000 square mile area in Eastern Iran, the area extending from Afghanistan to the Baluchistan border, or at least a part of it.

Unusual Set-Up  
While no American oil concerns are operating in Iran, there are some in Northern Iraq, close to the troubled area. Under an unusual setup, 95 per cent of the Iraq Petroleum Co. is owned by joint American, British, French and Dutch concerns. It is approximately one quarter shares. To round out the national interests involved on a geographical basis, some of the richest Soviet oil fields lie immediately to the North of the Iranian border, on both sides of the Caspian Sea. The Iranian Government has taken the position that she will not discuss oil concessions while foreign troops remain on her soil.

There lies one of the causes of the dispute.—Associated Press.

THE WEATHER  
To-day's forecast: Cloudy with occasional drizzle in the morning and evening.  
Yesterday's temperature:—  
Maximum: — 68 degrees at noon.  
Minimum: — 63 degrees at 7 a.m.  
Maximum humidity: — 95 per cent.



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## Franco

The hopes cherished by the democratic Powers that after the defeat of Hitler, General Franco would have to the inevitable and voluntarily retire from the Spanish political scene have not been realized. Strict non-intervention, together with the maintenance of full diplomatic relations, have failed to create the atmosphere for a bloodless transition. On the contrary, Franco has lately grown in arrogance and strength. He has tightened his grip on the internal political life of Spain, rebuffed the overtures of the Monarchists, and loosed his executives among the imprisoned leaders of the Left. It was never the intention of the Western Powers that Franco should remain in power. His regime was condemned at Potsdam, and more recently Mr. Bevin spoke for the British people as well as for the Government when he expressed his "detestation" of the Franco dictatorship. In none of the democratic countries is it forgotten for a moment that Franco was brought to power by the armed intervention of Mussolini and Hitler, with whom he subsequently conspired in the world conspiracy now being exposed at Nuremberg. Franco must go, and since one method of hastening his departure has failed, another must be tried. The French Government has begun the process of severing relations with Spain, and it is to be hoped that the British and American Governments will quickly follow suit. There are other measures that can usefully be taken. The Americans propose a three-power declaration condemning the regime and urging the Spanish people themselves to establish an interim Government until such time as Spain can express her wishes at the polls. France has agreed to this course, and Britain should do so. France has also suggested that the Spanish question should be brought before the Security Council of U.N.O. This too, is a sound proposal, for it is necessary to mobilize the greatest possible pressure on the widest possible front. It is to be hoped that the U.S. State Department will publish the documents it has prepared from captured German material showing Franco's wartime complicity with the Axis. On many questions which have arisen since the end of the war the United Nations have shown little unity of purpose. But on the need for getting rid of Franco the former Allies see eye to eye. Firm concerted action would dislodge the last of Hitler's satellites and rid the world of a mischievous element subversive of peace and order.

## Canton Needs Cholera Vaccine

Dr. Frank H. Herrington, Chief Medical Officer of the U.N.R.R.A. Kwangtung Regional Office, left yesterday for Shanghai to present personally to the U.N.R.R.A. and C.N.R.R.A. headquarters there the grave necessity of sending to Canton at least one million doses of cholera vaccine, a quantity of DDT, and equipment necessary for the purification of water and for carrying out an immunization programme.

Dr. Herrington's urgent mission is necessitated by the increase in the number of cholera cases in Canton. According to information secured by the U.N.R.R.A. headquarters from Pong Pin Hospital authorities alone, there have been 153 cases of cholera there in the first 22 days of March. Sixty-two deaths have been reported.

### COCKTAIL PARTY

The Maharajah of Jaipur was guest of honour at a cocktail party held at the Gloucester Hotel yesterday evening. Among those present were Admiral Lord Fraser, Admiral Sir Cecil Harcourt, Air Commodore W. A. D. Brooks, Commodore P. Everett and Colonel Welch.

# Unification Of China No Nearer Now

(By HAROLD K. MILKS)

**CHUNGKING, MARCH 24.** THE UNIFICATION OF CHINA'S DISPUTING FACTIONS, WHICH APPEARED NOT ONLY POSSIBLE BUT PROBABLE WHEN GENERAL GEORGE MARSHALL LEFT 12 DAYS AGO TO REPORT DIRECTLY TO PRESIDENT TRUMAN, APPEARS TO BE FURTHER AWAY FROM THIS COUNTRY.

THE OPTIMISM THAT MARSHALL EXPRESSED AS HE FLEW TO WASHINGTON TO SEEK FURTHER ASSISTANCE FOR CHINA HAS BEEN DARKENED BY THE GROWING EVIDENCES OF DISTINCT NON-COOPERATION ON THE PART OF THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS AND THE KUOMINTANG LEADERS.

Foreign diplomatic sources in Chungking are taking an extremely pessimistic view of the internal situation. They say Marshall's powerful personality and influence were the dominating factors in forcing the unification agreement and without it, the situation is "rapidly getting out of hand."

During the past few months, when Marshall was struggling to first obtain the cease fire agreement and then to bring the Communists and Kuomintang heads together on the question of unification, Government violations of agreements were usually attributed to poor communications or the personal ambitions of local Commanders.

To-day, defections from the path toward national unity cannot be covered up by these old excuses, since the people most concerned are in the very highest positions on both factions.

### Significant

General Chou En-lai, Communist number two and a member of the powerful committee of three, sounded the keynote of his party's dissatisfaction in the press conference wherein he threatened that his party would withdraw from the prospective reorganization of the national Government, unless the Kuomintang ceased what he called its efforts to preserve one party rule in China.

Chou En-lai's strong attack against Chiang Kai-shek's party is significant in view of the fact it was Chou himself, who in recent weeks, has been particularly outspoken in demanding that the Communists themselves give ground in order to preserve this march toward a unified China.

Several times, during Marshall's tour of "trouble areas" which immediately preceded his flight to Washington, Chou En-lai, in the words of Marshall himself, "lashed over backwards" to ease the friction with the Central Government.

### Communist Objections

The Central Government spokesman, described Chou's statement and other published pronouncements by Communists as "propaganda and smoke-screen," designed to cover the Communists' efforts to seize military control of Manchuria. The Communists particularly objected to these matters:—

- (1) The reported decision of the Kuomintang Congress that the Kuomintang must approve selections of other parties for representation on the state council which, Communists say, shows that one party rule has not been abolished.
- (2) What the Communists said were efforts by the Kuomintang to organize 51 labour corps in violation of the agreement reducing the Government military forces to 50 divisions.
- (3) The failure of the Central Government to approve the request for sending truce teams to Manchuria immediately to halt hostilities there and to investigate conditions.

### Foreign Opinion

Foreign observers who have watched developments with the keenest interest, assert that both Communist and Kuomintang factions are taking advantage of General Marshall's absence to attempt to gain the advantage over the opposition.

One observer said, "Marshall's personal influence, is not only important; without it the agreements thus far reached would never be developed. He has the ability to take the opponents in the Chinese internal dispute and bump their heads together until the argument is settled without giving either side offence. But he had better hurry back, if progress toward the ending of the civil strife, made before he departed, is to be continued."—Associated Press.

## Russians To Leave Manchuria

**Chungking, March 24.** The Chinese Government has received a note from the Soviet Government stating that all Soviet forces will be withdrawn from Manchuria by the end of April, it was announced here to-day.

Dr. Wang Shih-chieh, Chinese Foreign Minister, told the People's Political Council to-day that China will respect the Sino-Soviet treaty but will give no further concessions.

Under the Sino-Soviet treaty signed last August, China and Russia agreed to give each other all possible economic help in the postwar period, to work together in close cooperation and to respect each others' sovereignty and territorial rights.—Reuter.

# Readers' Letters

## "Bachelors Qrs."

Sir,—I have a few suggestions to give to correspondent "Voice in the Wilderness" whose piece is taken away by prostitutes living around.

To prevent prospective customers in search of prostitutes knocking at our door, my husband and I have a cardboard on which is boldly written "Bachelors Qrs." on our door. This has the required effect.

Whenever I go out into the street I take the trouble to carry a light cane basket with me, and I am even free from the courting eyes of the "Johnnies."

Prostitution is a history-old vice inherent in our economical system. As long as our present economical system remains, there is this evil. But there is at least one country in the world which has done away with this evil.

The land of the "yellow ticket" rid itself of prostitution and made tremendous strides against its twin evil, venereal disease. The Soviet woman no longer had to face the humiliation of an ancient and scorned profession, wrote Miss Rose Maurer of America in "Survey Graphic."

### WOMANHOOD.

### Modern Verse

Sir,—"Philosophia" asserts that I have consistently (I'd written only one letter) ignored his contention that "if we re-unite these factors (the inhumanity of life and the sentimentality of art) they will produce a unified humanity and sentiment in both spheres."

If he re-reads my letter he will find that, far from ignoring the matter, I devoted a paragraph to it which needs no further emphasis.

On the definition of Philosophy I see that "Philosophia" is indulging in sophistry. Of course I am aware that anything which is the product of humans must have humanity in it, therefore, on this reasoning, Philosophy must have feeling in it.

He chooses to overlook a previous statement I made, that, "the less the feeling allowed to creep in, the nearer the truth must be to the philosophy." I will add now that if one wishes to find "pure" philosophy he must be prepared to take an objective view, standing apart from feelings. This should be readily understood, if it is admitted that the emotions bias the judgement and are a barrier to the intellect's better functioning.

If art is to follow in the path of philosophy it is inevitable that art will eventually become deprived of feeling.

After having written so much against the "cheap and nasty" products of sentimentality, it is strange to see "Philosophia" out to show that there is sentiment in the modern poet.

First, sentiment is the great enemy, the evil to be avoided in art, and then we are shown that a contemporary poet is sentimental. I suppose the modern poet is permitted to be sentimental, but

## MENINGITIS

Shanghai, Mar. 24. The Bureau of Public Health has warned parents to keep their children out of theatres and public gatherings because of minor outbreaks of epidemic meningitis. At the same time, the local quarantine service says that ships from Fukien province must go through quarantine to prevent the spread of the plague from Fouchow and Amoy to Shanghai. — Associated Press.

## AUSTRALIA AND CHINA

Chungking, Mar. 24. Doctor Douglas Copeland, new Australian Minister to China, presented his credentials to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek yesterday.

At a news conference, Copeland said Australia would take a sympathetic interest in China's effort to promote national unity and commerce, a great task of national reconstruction under Chiang Kai-shek's distinguished leadership.

He added "Australia recognizes also that a stable, strong China is a fundamental condition to peace in the whole Pacific area." He said further that wool, wheat, steel products and farm machinery products could be exported to China from Australia, freely.—Associated Press.

Tokyo, Mar. 24. It is estimated that 10,000,000 war victims, several hundred thousand families who lost relatives during the war, and 1,500,000 repatriates require public assistance in Japan. Kyodo News Agency, there are over 800,000 households requiring assistance.—Associated Press.

# Good Pickings For Yangtse Bandits

**Chungking, March 24.** This should be a profitable year for one "economic group" in China — the bandits of the upper Yangtse River. These gangsters, though usually they resort to a show of arms and persuasive voices rather than actual violence, have had some extremely poor pickings during the long years of the Sino-Japanese war.

With the transfer of the national capital from Chungking to Nanking crowding every available transport from tiny junks to the biggest up-river steamers, gangsters who live by preying on river travellers are preparing for a busy season.

Hundreds of government key officials and their employees will fly the 1,000-mile trip to Nanking as the government moves next month, but thousands more must take the water route as soon as the summer flood rises from the waters of the Yangtse from its present low-point, which is at the minimum level for more than 40 years. If bandit leaders have their way, every traveller will pay them "passage tax," either voluntarily or at gun-point.

These bandit gangs have been infesting the Yangtse River for so many years that their power to halt river travellers and demand monetary assistance has become almost a legal right. During normal times, travellers on the Yangtse boats usually allow sufficient money beyond the stated cost of the ticket, to pay one or more "taxes" to the bandits.

### Normal Approach

The normal bandit approach is that of being "polite" to travellers who are seeking to reach a distant home. At the boat landings along the Yangtse, uniformed men often board the vessels paying little or no attention to the armed soldier guard which the government assigns to most vessels.

The spokesman of the men, or bandits, explains that they are unfortunate soldiers whom the Government has abandoned without money to buy food to continue homeward.

It is obvious that the show of arms is a great support for voluntary contributions are forthcoming. In some cases reported here, when money was refused them, the bandits used violence, slaying all the crewmen and passengers and looting the ship of its cargo.

The Chinese Government will make every effort to oust the hungry outlaws. Larger junks and steamers are transferring government personnel and their families to Nanking, and they will have special escorts of reinforced guards. But it is impossible to

supply enough guards on every river transport to give adequate strength for protection because if that is done there is no room on the boats for the passengers.

That is why the Yangtse bandits are licking their chops and waiting for the river to rise to bring an end to their long period of starvation. Most river travellers, when budgeting themselves for their Nanking trip, will probably include a few thousand national dollars extra, for the payment of the "river passage tax."—Associated Press.

## Cost Of Living In Canton

Canton, Mar. 24. Cost of living in Canton has gone up another 20 per cent during the past several days, attributed in part to the jump of the Hong Kong dollar to C.N.\$455.

Many goods such as cassia, vegetables and even rice were sent to Hong Kong because of the higher value of the Hong Kong dollar.

At the same time, various supplies came from abroad via Hong Kong, which require payment in Hong Kong dollars. Therefore its value went up particularly on March 19. Prices of these imported goods are rising up, especially canned food.

Relief rice is coming in almost daily and various ways of distribution were announced by the press. There is yet no official announcement of the distribution of the relief rice, which is urgently needed.

The cost of living in Canton is believed to be among the highest of cities in China, but business in general is slack. The Central Bank of China is not yet selling exchange rates although such facility has been available in Shanghai since March 5. Many people here say they are in urgent need of American currency to order goods.—Associated Press.

# China Pacific's Most Serious Problem

**Washington, March 23.** Maintenance of American armed forces in China until the Nationalist and Communist factions have united is vital to the future of the United States, says Representative Pease (Democrat of Texas). Upon his return from a tour of the Pacific with a Congressional Committee, the Texan said in an interview that the Chinese situation is by far the most serious and fundamental of all the problems facing the United States in the Pacific.

"It is perfectly clear that we must keep an adequate force there until the Chinese achieve some real unity and establish an effective government," he said.

"Otherwise there is a very strong possibility that the entire area will be occupied by foreign forces."

Just now a relatively small force of American marines are preventing any aggressive action in North China without any conflict. As long as this force remains there, it seems probable that there will be no trouble. Should it be removed before China is able to protect herself it is entirely likely that we would be forced a little later on to use vastly greater forces to protect ourselves from the threat of a foreign-controlled China.

### Most Hopeful

The Texan declared that the result of conferences of the Chinese factions "are most hopeful," and added that "if it is possible to secure a real unified Government in China it will shortly be possible to reduce our forces there."

While in the Philippines Pease and the other Congressmen had dinner with President Sergio Osmeña. Of the situation there, he said "undoubtedly there are a lot of people there who in a secret ballot would vote against independence, but they can't openly come out with such a position."

"Personally, I think the only

course for the United States to follow is that which it has adopted, granting independence to do otherwise would impair the standing of the country throughout the Orient."—Associated Press.

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## UNEASINESS IN HARBIN

**Chungking, March 24.** Central News reports that there is a strong current of uneasiness in Harbin into which an estimated 5,000 Communists have infiltrated, although Soviet troops are garrisoned right at the city limits to prevent the entry of unauthorized armed persons or forces.

Another dispatch reports that the Communists are continuing their attacks on Shansi, a town in Chungyang, which has been under siege for the past six months. The dispatch also said that Communists are attacking the rail town of Wensi, in South-Western Shansi, which has been under siege for the last two months.

Other Chinese dispatches said that Chinese Government troops are advancing toward the communist-held rail junction city of Ping Kai, of Sze-Ping-kai, 100 miles North of Mukden, as Communists continued to sabotage all forms of communications between Mukden and Changchun.

Dispatches say that in view of the difficulty in taking over the North Manchurian province of Heilankiang, all Government appointed officials are leaving Changchun for Peiping shortly.

The "World Daily News" reports that a large number of Communist troops are massing in Jehol, where it is believed they are planning "new attacks" against Government forces.—Associated Press.

## WONG WEN-HAO TO RESIGN?

**Chungking Mar. 24.** The Ministry of Economic Affairs confirms the report that Doctor Wong Wen-hao, Vice-President of the Executive Yuan and Minister of Economic Affairs, had submitted his resignation and that it is under consideration by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

Doctor T. V. Scow has been quoted as saying that the resignation is likely not to be accepted because no competent successor is available.—Associated Press.

### "SLANDER"

**Moscow, Mar. 24.** The withdrawal of the Red Army from Manchuria has been speeded by warmer weather, the army newspaper "Red Star" said yesterday. It said the withdrawal was originally delayed by two Chinese requests and then due to the cold weather conditions. The paper blamed "Chinese reactionaries" for the slanderous campaign of criticism.—Associated Press.

### STALIN'S SPEECH

**Moscow, Mar. 24.** Thousands of people queued all over Moscow to buy newspapers featuring Generalissimo Stalin's responses to the prospects of peace. All papers followed the lead of "Pravda" and "Izvestia" in giving top place to the story.—Associated Press.

# Rescue Party Reaches Crashed B-17

**Tokyo, March 23.** A rescue party from an American repatriation mission has made its way on foot through rugged terrain in Formosa to the wreckage of the Army B-17 which has been missing since March 19 with Major-General James Parker, commander of the 20th air force and nine others aboard.

The party failed to report whether there are any survivors, announced Lieut. General Ennis C. Whitehead.

Meantime, planes from the 18th air force in Luzon are carrying paratrooper rescue parties cruising over the area in an attempt to locate and reach the wreckage which thus far has not been sighted from the air, said Whitehead who is Commander of the Pacific Air Command.

A message from Formosa to Whitehead said that the ground rescue party has reached the "burned wreck" of the plane. Apparently relayed by natives to the nearest repatriation com-

tro, the message from the rescuers made no mention of survivors.

Location of the exact spot of the wreck in the Formosan area where terrain is as rugged as the wildest section of the American Rockies, is difficult to determine from the existing maps which do not show a village list, as the nearest settlement, said Whitehead. He said the planes cruising the area are carrying the necessary equipment for medical and other aid and to establish radio communications at the scene in the event they can find the spot. So far, as is known there are no landings known anywhere near the scene.—Associated Press.



# PALESTINE AS BIG BASE

## Haifa Naval Centre, Says Soviet

### Briton Who Had No Conscience

San Francisco, March 24. Berthel Alexander McKenzie, British subject, to-day told Federal Judge Michael Roche: "To me a hungry stomach has no conscience and I took the job of radio announcer for the Japanese."

McKenzie testified this in pleading guilty to a charge of stowing away on the steamship "Flying Mist" near Shanghai. He was sentenced to six months imprisonment.

Roche remarked that would give the authorities time to look into McKenzie's record. The latter said that after leaving on a ship in Hong Kong in 1941 after a row over pay he went to Shanghai to get a passport when the Japanese approached him about his advertisement.

An F. B. I. agent testified that Henry Sparks, San Francisco importer, who McKenzie lived in Shanghai, told him that McKenzie said on one occasion "I am going to work for the enemy."—Associated Press.

### British System As An Example

The belief that many misunderstandings in foreign policy could be cleared up if countries followed the British example of having "question time" in the House of Commons, at which the Foreign Secretary could be questioned, was expressed leader of the House of Commons.

### Churches Meet In Geneva

Geneva, Mar. 24. Delegates to the world council of churches reconstruction conference which begins on March 28 arrived here yesterday.

Representatives of Belgium, Finland, Poland, Hungary, the Netherlands, Czechoslovakia, France, Italy, Germany, the United States, Britain, Sweden and Switzerland will attend the conference.

Conrad Bonneviw Svendsen representing Norwegian churches, in a preliminary report, described the conditions "in northern Norway, where two-thirds of all church buildings and personages were destroyed. He expressed appreciation for the help provided by American and British funds, but explained that \$2,000,000 will be needed for missionary work under the Arctic Circle in Norway."

In their home countries the delegates are secretaries of reconstruction committees representing Protestant churches.

The conference will open with the presentation of a report by T. Harjunpaa, of Finland.—Associated Press.

### FOOD MINISTER TO MAKE STATEMENT

London, March 24. The British Minister of Food, Sir Ben Smith, arrived back in Britain from the United States by air this afternoon.

He told Reuters that the United States wanted to do everything possible to relieve the world food situation.

On the question of a possible cut in British fat ration, Sir Ben was reticent.

He said: "I hope to make an announcement on Tuesday after consultation with the Cabinet."—Reuters.

### BRITAIN SPEAKS TO RUSSIA

British Broadcasting Corporation broadcasts to Russia will start today—to be on the air for a half hour period three times a day.—Associated Press.

London, Mar. 24. U.S. Marine Gey Azzani was yesterday convicted by a general court martial on two charges of mistreating American prisoners in Okinawa. His sentence will be announced later.—Associated Press.

### Story In The "Red Fleet"

MOSCOW, MARCH 24. BRITAIN IS CONVERTING PALESTINE INTO A FIRST CLASS NAVAL AND MILITARY BASE, ACCORDING TO AN ARTICLE TO-DAY IN THE NEWSPAPER "RED FLEET," ORGAN OF THE SOVIET NAVAL DEPARTMENT.

JUDGING BY THE NUMBER OF INDICATIONS, PALESTINE IS GRADUALLY BEING TRANSFORMED INTO ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT BASES FOR BRITISH ARMED FORCES IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN," SAID THE ARTICLE.

Expressing the view that Britain is developing strategic political positions in Palestine, having little in common with the "humanitarian considerations" expressed by British diplomats, the article quotes foreign press reports, especially Swiss, that British troops are being transferred from Egypt, Syria and Lebanon to Palestine, where large military establishments are being built.

The writer of the article mentioned a Swiss newspaper report that Haifa is to be more important for the Royal Navy than Malta or Alexandria and added: "A network of factories, plants and workshops has been created in Palestine to serve naval and military needs."

### Air Terminus

The article also referred to reports that the terminus of air

services from Saudi Arabia is to be in Palestine, that a railway from Haifa to Baghdad has been planned and that a few days ago, the Anglo-American Palestine Commission heard a report on a projected canal with big hydro-electric stations and an irrigation system to be built with American money.

The article claims that the biggest enterprises in Palestine are controlled by British capital and companies.

"The dispute for the country between Arabs and Zionists is doubtless interesting to the British authorities from the viewpoint that the quarrel consists, dates their position in Palestine," the article concluded.

### ANGLO-FRENCH "FIGHT"

London, Mar. 24. English and French capital is engaged in a "severe fight" for the control of important air and naval bases in the Middle East.

Moscow radio in a broadcast heard here by the Associated Press, said that "the struggle of the peoples of Syria and Lebanon for their independence and their demand for the removal of the English and French troops at the Security Council of the United Nations, have turned the attention of the whole world to the problem of Syria and Lebanon," the broadcast declared.

The broadcast suggested that the "fight" is based on the importance of Syria and Lebanon as bases for air communications and naval bases.—Associated Press.

### Whaler Disabled In Antarctic

Capetown, Mar. 24. The black, stormy Antarctic autumn was closing on a partly disabled Norwegian whaling ship 10-day 2,000 miles from Capetown, her nearest port of call.

The ship radioed that she had been partly disabled on the whaling grounds, and that she was making for this port as bad weather began driving all the whales out of the Southern Polar Seas. The vessel was said to have got no more than a third of her capacity in oil cargo when she abandoned further hunting.

Her troubles, not detailed, developed shortly after Britain and Norway agreed to extend the season for one month in the hope of getting badly needed oil supplies.—Associated Press.

### CONUNDRUM NOT ANSWERED

Washington, Mar. 24. Senator Vandenberg stated last night that the United Nations "cannot survive in its present form" if Russia and America ever fell apart. He added that there never need be war between Russia and the United States "if common sense and realism shall govern our foreign policies in Washington and Moscow."

Vandenberg said the U.N.O. progress thus far has been encouraging but the answer was still missing to the "paramount conundrum of modern times—what's Russia up to now?"—Associated Press.

### HOOVER RECEIVED BY PONTIFF

Rome, March 24. Ex-President Herbert Hoover, honorary chairman of President Truman's famine emergency committee, said after a 25-minute audience with Pope Pius that he found the Pontiff "intensely interested" in the food problem and "very anxious about the famine situation in the world."

The other members of Hoover's entourage also were presented to

### ATOM BOMB DELAY DECISION

Washington, Mar. 24. The White House said yesterday that President Truman's order to postpone the atomic bomb tests in the Pacific was issued so that more congressmen could witness the experiment.

The President's press secretary, Charles Ross, said the decision was not "sudden," and could not be related in any way to Generalissimo Stalin's expression of confidence in the United Nations Organisation.

Ross said he had planned to announce the postponement on Saturday morning, but some one in the Navy, "or elsewhere, saw fit to put it out the night before," and when the news began to leak out the White House decided to make the formal statement.

Senator James W. Hoffman, Ohio Democrat, recommended that the atom bomb test be cancelled entirely. The cost, he said, would be sheer folly, and the world did not require further convincing of the bomb's effectiveness.

"Let us turn from destructive weapons to building world cooperation and perpetual peace," he declared.

Later, two officials closely connected with preparations for the atom bomb tests stated that the tests might be postponed indefinitely.

"The tests," said one, "may well be delayed until everybody is pulling together."—Associated Press.

Washington, Mar. 24. The famous Japanese cherry trees around Washington tidal basin are in full bloom and the park police are prepared for a Sunday crowd of 250,000 visitors.—Associated Press.

### FOOD ROBBERS AT WORK IN GERMANY

Hamburg, March 24. If the present German ration of 1,000 calories daily in the British zone is not increased within six weeks or two months, it will have "a pronounced effect" on the population, a British public health officer said yesterday.

"For the next six weeks, the Germans will be able to get along fairly well on their physical reserve already built up, but if the normal ration scale is not supplemented, you will see a pronounced effect," he predicted.

Meanwhile, more bread stores in Hamburg have been broken into during the night, despite extra police patrols.

A 45-year old woman, who had used up her month's ration of bread hanged herself in her home, and another hungry housewife committed suicide by throwing herself in front of a train.

The control commission in an official statement issued here yesterday denied that there have been any "bread riots" as such in this city and said that "law and order prevails."

The statement said "the people as a whole are not determined to obtain bread illegally, but if they see a chance to obtain it in an easy manner, and at only a slight risk, they will, of course take it."

The situation in Hamburg was said to have improved within the last few days, said the statement, adding "It is well to keep in mind that an unlawful assembly does not constitute a riot, unless its acts are executed in a violent and turbulent manner to be a terror to the people."—Associated Press.

### Train Robbers

Nuremberg, Mar. 24. Gangs of food train robbers are active in the Nuremberg area.

The police to-day fired on four men who were breaking into railway wagons at a junction outside the city.

One of the men—a railway worker—was killed. Two others were caught and arrested and the search for the fourth man was continuing this afternoon.—Reuters.

the Pope. Earlier in the day, Hoover conferred with the Italian premier, Alcide De Gasperi, presumably on the same subject.—Associated Press.

### General Air Victim

Washington, Mar. 24. The War Department yesterday announced the death of Major-General James E. Parker in the crash of his Army Flying Fortress in northern Formosa. Listed as missing were nine other officers and men aboard. Parker was the commander of the 20th Air Force.

The crash of the Army plane occurred at the north end of Formosa in wild rugged country while the plane was en route from Shanghai.—Associated Press.

### ATOM BOMB A JIG-SAW

Los Angeles, Mar. 24. Major-General Leslie Groves, director of atomic projects for the United States army, declares that the atom bomb secrets are safe.

He explains that "a bomb project is like a giant jigsaw puzzle with 100,000 pieces. A chance betrayal by one or two of our scientists might reveal five or ten pieces, but it would mean almost nothing."

Major-General Groves is in Los Angeles inspecting ships that are being prepared here for the bomb tests at Bikini Atoll.—Associated Press.

### UNDIPLOMATIC MINISTER

Boston, Mar. 24. George H. Earle, former U.S. Minister to Bulgaria, said here he would use the atom bomb on Russia to get her "back to her own territory."

Arriving by airplane from Istanbul, the one-time Democratic governor of the state of Pennsylvania declared Russia is "the greatest danger that ever threatened America."

Earle said Russia should be given an ultimatum to "get back to her own territory and if they refused I would use the atom bomb on them while we have it, and before they get it."—Associated Press.

### Spaak Backing Stalin Speech

Brussels, Mar. 24. Paul Henry Spaak, President of the United Nations Assembly, yesterday declared that peace would be established throughout the world "if the principles Joseph Stalin set forth in his statement on Friday are carried out."

"But the principles of equality between nations and the fundamental necessity of the U.N.O. must be followed by everybody," Spaak added.

The U.N.O. President was informed of Stalin's statement late on Friday night, but although admitting that it would "relax the present situation" he asked for more time before making any official reply.—Associated Press.

### FEASTING BEFORE FIGHTING

Tehran, Mar. 24. Kurdish attacks on the Iranian garrisons in northern Kurdistan appear to have been called off for the duration of the Nowruz (New Year Holidays) an American, long resident in Tehran, said yesterday.

"The Kurds might even be asking the Persian troops to come over and join them in the New Year feasting. They will certainly cease military action at this time."—Associated Press.

Sofia, Mar. 24. The Bulgarian Premier, Kimon Georgiev, whose Cabinet resigned on Friday, has been commissioned by the Regent to form a new government. It was reported yesterday.—Associated Press.

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The Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce has undertaken to revise the Hong Kong Section of this Directory for 1946, to be published in August next.

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and, in the case of merchants, manufacturers and others, an indication of the heading, or headings, under which it is desired to be classified.

The Hong Kong Section of the Directory has been suspended since 1941 and the present is a useful opportunity of bringing it up-to-date in the general interest.

Prompt action is requested as the material must be posted to London early in April.

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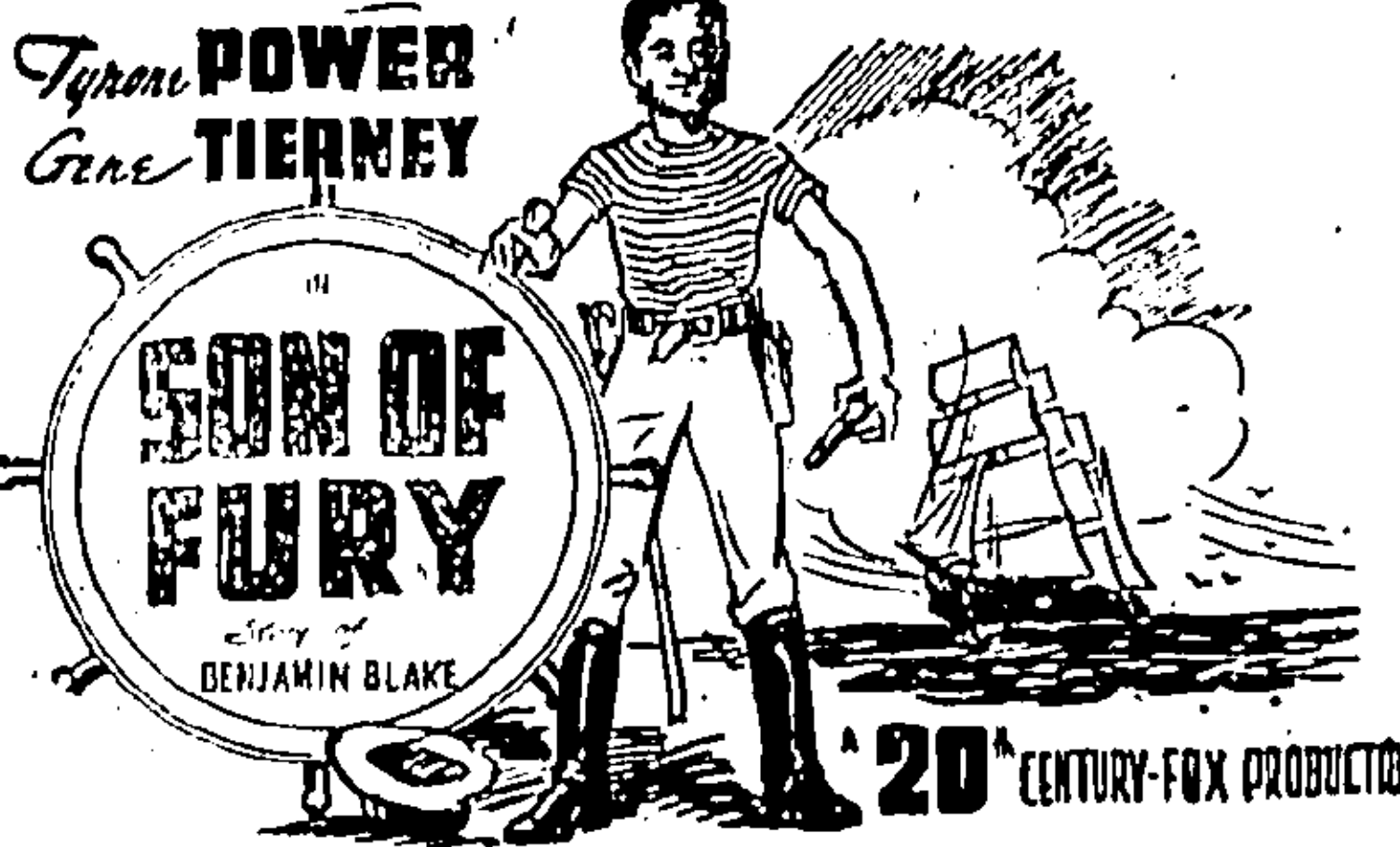
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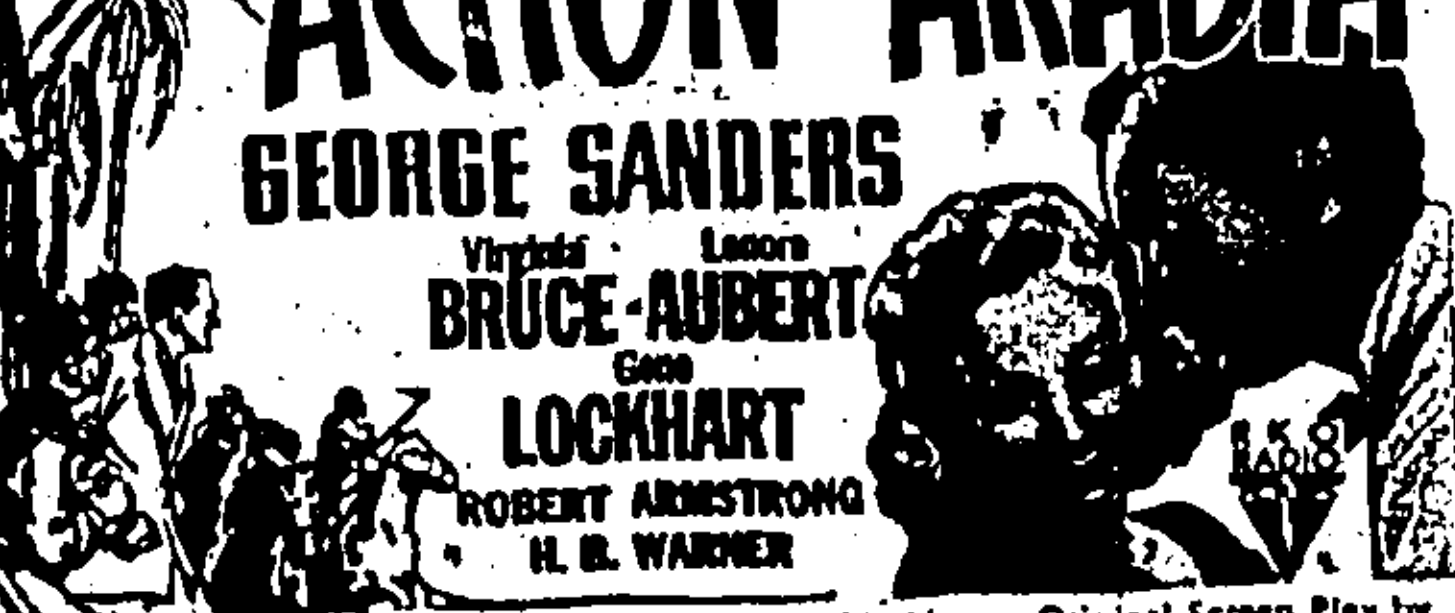
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# BRITISH ISSUE WARNING Offensive Against Bandoeng Extremists

## "Expert" On Middle East

London, Mar. 24. Soviet opinion last night focused attention on the Levant as Paris announced that an agreement had been reached between France and Lebanon for the withdrawal of all French troops from Lebanon.

British troops are due to leave by June.

The peoples of Lebanon and Syria insist on a complete, immediate and simultaneous evacuation of their countries by British and French troops, declared Lutskev, Soviet Middle-East expert over the Moscow Radio.

"The peoples of the Levant have waged a struggle for liberation ever since the first world war," Lutskev said and added that "at the back of the acute struggle between France and Britain for predominance in the Levant lies the geographical importance of these territories as naval bases and centres of sea and air communications."

Reuter.

## Indonesians In Strong Position

BATAVIA, MARCH 24. ELABORATE STEPS HAVE BEEN TAKEN BY THE BRITISH TO WARN THE INDONESIANS OF THEIR IMPENDING OPERATION AGAINST THE INDONESIAN EXTREMISTS IN THE BANDOENG AREA.

LEAFLETS, BROADCASTS AND PUBLIC ADDRESS UNITS HAVE ALL BEEN EMPLOYED TO WARN THEM TO LEAVE THE AREA OR LAY DOWN THEIR ARMS BY THE LATEST TO-DAY.

The leaflets explain that action is being taken owing to recent heavy Allied casualties and say: "It is hoped to complete the operation without death or injuries. To do this British troops may use tear smoke. Persons caught by tear smoke will recover in a short time."

"Citizens, you have nothing to fear," the leaflets add.

It is known that Dr. Sutan Sjahrir, Indonesian Prime Minister, strongly opposed the recent outbreaks of fighting in the Bandoeng area and attacks on Allied convoys between Batavia and Bandoeng and it is not therefore expected that the Indonesian Republican Government will protest against the Allied operation.

Furthermore, it was with the object of ensuring that the Dutch-Indonesian constitutional negotiations would not be prejudiced that Dr. Sjahrir was notified of the operation two days ago.

The Indonesian Republican Government may ask the British to postpone the clearing up of southern Bandoeng, due to start at any time after midnight on Sunday.

### Strong Force

This development is thought possible as a result of the parleys between Major-General Kartasmita, Indonesian Army officer and local leaders at Bandoeng.

Major-General Kartasmita, who flew to Bandoeng at the request of the Premier, Dr. Sjahrir, returned to Batavia this afternoon.

According to the Netherlands News Agency, the extremists in southern Bandoeng are in a position to offer considerable resistance if they wish. During recent weeks they have been erecting strong-point block-houses and digging trenches, and the southern part of Bandoeng is honeycombed with machine-gun nests.

It is also estimated that the extremists in this area can muster about the same number of men as the combined British and Dutch forces which are detailed for the operation.

Under the shadow of the British ultimatum expiring at midnight on Sunday, eleventh hour negotiations are taking place today between Indonesian extremists and "Government" emissaries in an attempt to arrange unopposed British occupation of the southern area of Bandoeng.

### Allied Casualties

This clearing operation has been ordered by the Allied Commander-in-Chief, Lieutenant-General. Stopford, as a result of constant firing on Allied positions in which over 100 British troops, Allied prisoners-of-war and internees have been killed or wounded in the past 14 days.

An official spokesman today said that the Dutch and Indonesian held a third plenary session lasting 75 minutes at the residence of the British envoy, Sir Archibald Clark Kerr, at which the evacuation of Allied prisoners-of-war and internees from the interior of Java was discussed.

It was also decided to form a juridical sub-committee, which some observers believe will have the task of finding an acceptable formula for Indonesia's future status.

The fourth plenary session will take place in the middle of next week.—Reuter.

## America's Future Bound Up With Peace

Washington, March 24. President Harry Truman, speaking at the Democratic Party dinner in Washington to-night, warned the American nation that its future welfare was bound up with the peace settlement.

"The future welfare of our country is at stake in the coming peace settlements," he said.

"The happiness and lives of your children and mine are at stake. For their sake, for America and for all humanity, let us rededicate ourselves to the noble cause of peace."

"We Americans must continue to live courageously. The economic, political and social frontiers which still confront all of us offer even greater challenge to our moral stamina and intellectual integrity."

After a strong plea for "Party unity and Party responsibility," the President said: "A tremendous price has been paid for peace and security. Payment began long ago by our brave Allies who first bore the brunt of an all-out aggression. At that time our isolationists were still debating and almost defeating the efforts of the Democratic leaders to improve our national defenses."

**Cold Record**

"Cold record clearly reveals that our political opponents voted overwhelmingly against the most essential defence measures. When subsequent events proved beyond question their shortsightedness, most of our opponents changed their policy."

The President continued: "America must lead the way to a better world order."

"We seek increasingly close friendship with all nations. And we shall strengthen the foundations of the United Nations."

"Surely we shall never retreat merely because of the dangers along the road of peace and progress. In spite of opposition and all difficulties, we shall attain our goal."—Reuter.

## Close To Mutiny

Syracuse, N.Y., Mar. 24. General Jonathan Wainwright today described soldiers' complaints against the Army's "caste system" as sometimes "close to mutinous conduct."

Wainwright said that "the Army should be reasonably democratic."

"At the same time, there has to be a gap between the officers and the enlisted men, if there is to be any discipline. At Corregidor, the same gap existed. If it had not, Corregidor would not have lasted five days."—Associated Press.

Washington, Mar. 23. The Senate yesterday continued the nomination of Oscar L. Chapman, of Colorado, to be Under-Secretary of Interior.

Chapman has been Assistant-Secretary in the Department since 1933 and acted as the Department head before J. A. Krug, recently named to succeed Harold Ickes as Secretary of the Interior.—Associated Press.

## New U.S. Envoy To Britain

Washington, Mar. 24. President Truman yesterday announced that the United States Ambassador to Britain, Mr. John Winant, would become American representative on the United Nations Economic and Social Council.

W. Averell Harriman, former Ambassador to Russia, will succeed Winant as Ambassador in London.

Winant, who was formerly governor of New Hampshire and a former Chairman of the Social Security Board, returned recently to the United States. Yesterday he received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from the University of California where the speaker on the program was Lieut. General James Doolittle who received a similar degree.—Associated Press.

### LEAKS IN ATOM SECRETS

Washington, Mar. 24. Legislation designed to safeguard atomic energy secrets took shape after the Senate heard that an "ominous situation" was presented by the arrest of British scientists who worked in an American laboratory.

After discussing the arrest in London of Dr. Alan Nunn May, Senator Bourke Kickenlooper, Republican, said, "There may be other leaks against which we must keep guard in the broad interests of common defense and preservation of our ability to control this great weapon."—Associated Press.

### SKIING CHAMPIONS

Zernatt, Mar. 23. Two of Sweden's leading skiers won the first two places today in the International Skiing Championship on a 30-kilometre run.

Karlsson, Swedish 50-kilometre champion, covered the course in 1 hour 52 minutes and 47 seconds, finishing fresh despite heavy snow which made skiing difficult. He was followed by Nils Taappi, Swedish long distance champion, in 1 hour 53 minutes and 55 seconds.—Associated Press.

Tokyo, Mar. 23. A second mass demonstration against forcible purchasing of rice was reported yesterday by Kyodo News Agency which said that 6,000 farmers marched on to the prefectural office at Aburatsubo, approximately 70 miles north-west of Tokyo, after receiving notice they would be forced to sell at an official price which they had refused to accept.—Associated Press.

## BRIDGE NOTES

"Isn't this bad luck?" a friend asked us the other day. "I made a positively normal bid and look at what happened to me. Isn't it horrible?"

East, Dealer  
North-South vulnerable  
East-West 60 part score

♠ A 2  
♥ Q 10 7 4  
♦ J 8 5 4  
♣ K 10 7

♠ J 9 7 4  
♥ K J 9  
♦ A K 6 2  
♣ 8 2

♠ A 10  
♥ 6 5 3 2  
♦ 7  
♣ A Q 9 8 6 4

♠ K Q 8 5 3  
♥ A 8  
♦ Q 10 3  
♣ J 5

The bidding:  
♠ 1C  
♥ 1C  
♦ 2C  
♣ 2C

West Pass  
East Pass  
South Pass  
North Pass

West, our friend related, opened the three of clubs and East won with the Queen. The singleton diamond was returned, leading to the cashing of two top diamonds and a diamond ruff by East. A low heart came next, South ducked, and West won with the heart King. West next led his remaining club to East's Ace, and East returned a low club.

Poor South had already lost six tricks, and was bound to lose three more no matter what he did. Actually, he discarded the heart Ace and West ruffed. Then West ruffed with the trump diamond. East still had a natural trump trick.

South lost 1,100 points on the hand, but it wasn't bad luck. It was his own fault, and we hope it taught him a lesson. (No changes are it didn't, however, for most players can give up anything but a bid habit.) He might have complained of bad luck if his perfectly normal bid of one spade had been doubled and set 800 points. But he was just asking for trouble when he bid two spades, and it served him right when he got it.

He should have been warned by West's one-trump bid and by his partner's pass. Of course he was tempted by the hope of preventing the opponents from making an easy game—and he succeeded in that aim. But it wasn't worth 1,100 points.

Yesterday you were Merwin Maier's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ K 10 7 6  
♥ K 6 4 2  
♦ 6  
♣ A J 9 8

The bidding:  
♠ 1B  
♥ 1B  
♦ 1B  
♣ 1B

Maier Schenkm You Jacoby  
1B Pass (7)  
ANSWER: Bid three spades. There is little point in bidding a suit below ranking spades, because your strength is general rather than localized.

Score 100 per cent for three spades, 60 per cent for two clubs, 40 per cent for two hearts.

### QUESTION

To-day you are Howard Schenkm's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

♠ A Q J 8 6  
♥ K J 8 6  
♦ J  
♣ K 10 5

The bidding:  
♠ 1H  
♥ 1H  
♦ 1H  
♣ 1H

Maier You Jacoby Schenkm  
1H (7)  
What do you bid? (Answer To-morrow).

## Franco Not To Blame If Anything Happens

Madrid, March 24. All responsibility in the event of any incidents that may be provoked by the French on the Pyrenees border will be disclaimed by Spain. Such was the conclusion reached last night during a Cabinet meeting held here under the presidency of General Franco, it is understood in well-informed circles.

The Cabinet discussed Franco-Spanish relations and decided to sound a cautionary note in view of the attitude taken by certain sectors of French public opinion and even members of the French Government towards Spain.

Political circles here declared that the Spanish Government has reason to suspect that French communists are preparing to stage "incidents" on the frontier between Spain and France with the assistance of exiled Spaniards. These provoked a request by the French of armed intervention by "a foreign power" to help France against Spain.

All Spanish papers today reproduced a recent article in the Paris daily "Le Peuple," in which the theory was put forward on the lines that "the French Communist Party will lose power unless an excuse can be found for an international incident in which Russian help can be called in."

In the opinion of some well-informed circles, the Spanish Government's resolution disclaiming all responsibility for any such incident, follows and reinforces the note from Spain to Britain recently handed in to the British Embassy—accusing Communists in general and French Communists in particular, of organizing not only anti-Spanish campaigns in such places as Tolosan, Solis, Athens and Oslo as well as England and America, but also of planning terrorist acts within Spain with the help of Spaniards trained for sabotage in special schools in Southern France.—Reuter.

### Spanish Note

London, Mar. 24. A Foreign Office spokesman said yesterday that Britain had received a note from the Spanish Government charging that "campaigns of terrorism" were being organized against Spain by French Communists. The spokesman said a note was also addressed to the United States but he did not disclose whether the notes called for replies.—Associated Press.

## Escape Of Suspects

Singapore, Mar. 24. The escape of two Japanese prisoners, described as dangerous war criminals suspects, was officially announced yesterday. The prisoners were reported to have evaded their Indian guards on the north Malayan mainland.

A reward of £100 has been offered for information leading to their recapture.—Associated Press.

## Okinawa A Key U.S. Outpost

Manila, March 24. The Army newspaper "Pacifican" today said that Okinawa is becoming the key United States military outpost in the Western Pacific. It said the island is rapidly approaching the appearance of a typical American military station, with a complete highway system and other construction rolling along in high gear and a "definite garrison air."

It further said that the "striking power of the 8th air force is concentrated in Okinawa at the enormous Kadena Yontan and other airfields. The island has the appearance of a colossal warehouse piled high with equipment that was not needed for the planned Japanese invasion."—Associated Press.

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1946, and who fails to occupy  
his stall for business by 1st  
April, 1946, will be deemed to  
have given up the lease of the  
stall, irrespective of whether or  
not the rental for the first quar-  
ter of the year has been paid.

J. P. FEHLY,  
Col. R.A.M.C.,  
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Hong Kong, 21st March, 1946.

BRITISH MILITARY  
ADMINISTRATION  
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March 22nd, 1946.

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Russians'  
Actions  
Nothing New

London, Mar. 24.  
Russian interference in nor-  
thern Iran has been "constant,  
methodical and deliberate" since  
1944 when Russia was refused oil  
concessions, an Iranian official  
charged yesterday.

A. H. Hamzavi, Iranian Em-  
bassy press attache, made the  
charge in an account of diplom-  
atic relations with the allies since  
1941 when British and Russian  
troops occupied the country to  
thwart Axis moves toward that  
country.

Hamzavi said his account was  
written after the Russians failed  
to withdraw from Iran on March  
2.

"Disturbances in Azerbaijan and  
Caspian provinces came into pro-  
minence not long after this fail-  
ure (to make oil grants) while  
the Kurds in western Azerbaijan  
were incited to throw off their  
allegiance to Teheran," he wrote.

He explained the "broad out-  
line of Soviet intervention" was  
restricted to the Iranian army  
and police while the adherents of  
the Tudeh (Iranian Leftist)  
Party were strengthened by im-  
ported deserters and agitators  
from across the northern frontiers  
of Iran, who "fomented distur-  
bances and encouraged peasants  
and labouring classes to disorder  
and rebellion." Associated Press.

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## PUBLIC AUCTION

The Undersigned have re-  
ceived instructions from The  
Custodian of Property to sell  
by Public Auction on

Tuesday, the 26th  
March, 1946

commencing at 10.30 a.m.

on the Open Ground by the  
Custodian's Kowloon Godown at  
Ma Tau Wai Road (behind  
Hong Kong Rubber Factory),  
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Steel Plates, Rope Ladders,  
Water Cisterns, Buoy, Chains,  
Pulleys, Iron Scrap and Chinese  
Toilet Paper etc., etc.

The above premises will be  
open to inspection on the 23rd  
March, 1946, between 10.00 a.m.  
and Noon and on the 25th  
March, 1946, between 10.00 a.m.  
and Noon, and between 2.00 p.m.  
and 4.00 p.m.

The Auction is subject to the  
Conditions of Sale published in  
the Hong Kong Gazette, dated  
Saturday, 9th March, 1946.

LAMMERT BROS.,  
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## PUBLIC AUCTION

The Undersigned have re-  
ceived instructions from The  
Custodian of Property to sell by  
Public Auction on

Wednesday, the 27th. March  
1946

commencing at 10.30 a.m.

at the Premises of the  
Kung On Godown,  
Praya, West Point.

90 Lots of Miscellaneous Goods  
comprising:—

Earthenware, Sand for Cut-  
ting Jade Stone, Crockery  
Paper, Rattan Piel, Crockery  
and New Wooden Crates for  
Kerosene etc., etc.

The above premises will be  
open to inspection on the 25th,  
26th, March 1946, between  
10.00 a.m. and Noon and be-  
tween 2.00 p.m. and 4.00 p.m.

The Auction is subject to the  
Conditions of Sale published in  
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Statement On Iran  
Problem By Premier

TEHRAN, MARCH 24.

THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE RUSSIAN-IRANIAN PRO-  
BLEM MIGHT BE SETTLED BEFORE THE SECURITY  
COUNCIL MEETS NEXT WEEK WAS MENTIONED  
AT A PRESS CONFERENCE YESTERDAY BY THE  
IRANIAN PREMIER, QUAVAM ES SULTANEH.

"IT MAKES NO DIFFERENCE IF THE COUNCIL MEETS  
NOW OR IN 15 DAYS," HE SAID, "IF BY THE TIME  
IT DOES MEET WE HAVE NOT SOLVED BY OTHER  
MEANS THE FUNDAMENTAL PROBLEM OF THE  
EVACUATION OF RED ARMY TROOPS THEN OUR  
CASE, UNDER THE SECURITY COUNCIL REGULA-  
TIONS, IS TO BE INCLUDED ON THAT ORGANIZA-  
TION'S AGENDA."

Quavam added that he was  
"quite sure" that a satisfactory  
solution would be found.

"The evacuation of Soviet  
troops," he continued, "is a fun-  
damental problem, its agreement  
would solve other problems." The  
Azerbaijani problem, which  
he termed relatively unimpor-  
tant, might be "definitely settled  
by negotiation," he said, "as soon  
as the Soviet forces are evacu-  
ated."

Quavam categorically denied  
reports that fresh Soviet troops  
have entered Iran since March  
2.

## Envoy's Letter

The Iranian Premier stated  
that the letter which the Iranian  
Ambassador to the United  
States, Hussein Ala, had sent to  
the U.N.O. Secretary-General  
Trygve Lie, was "unauthorised."

"I have sent a telegram to  
Ala," added the Premier, "in-  
structing him to avoid any  
statements or actions likely to  
lead to further misunderstand-  
ings."

The recent arrest of the for-  
mer Prime Minister, Sayyid Zia,  
was ordered because of "certain  
subversive activities against our  
Government," said the Premier.  
The affair, he declared, was  
strictly one of internal politics,  
and without international signifi-  
cance.

Quavam denied reports local-  
ly that Sayyid Zia, the "na-  
tional will" leader had been  
singled out as an enemy of the  
Government and that his arrest  
was a result of personal enmity  
to Quavam. Reports have cir-  
culated here since his arrest that  
several Right-Wing deputies  
in the last Majlis (Parliament)  
had been marked out for arrest  
and that several have left the  
capital within the last few days.  
—Associated Press.

Peaceful  
Penetration

BOISE, Idaho, March 24.

Senator Thomas of Idaho, chair-  
man of military affairs committee,  
said on a visit here yesterday  
that "nothing I can see has de-  
veloped on the international scene  
to warrant extension of the se-  
lective service law beyond July 1."

The senate committee has re-  
commended a six-week extension  
beyond the May 15 expiration  
date. Thomas said the volunteer  
system is working well; "the army  
and navy are getting all the men  
they need." He added that he  
did not see anything to warrant  
concern in the international situa-  
tion.

"Russia will win her objectives  
by peaceful penetration," he as-  
serted. "For the first time in 100  
years she is a victorious nation.  
She has a right to a year-around  
port on the Pacific and surely  
she has a right to access to the  
Atlantic." —Associated Press.

Workers'  
Play Time?

Tokyo, Mar. 24.

Japanese have gone enthusiastically  
for labour unions, and they  
proposed an idea in a money dis-  
pute to-day that left the owners  
of Japan's biggest movie theatre  
chain groggy.

They suggested free shows in  
their employer's theatres to give  
them an opportunity to win public  
sympathy. Their idea is to close  
the box offices of four of Tokyo's  
largest theatres, throw open the  
doors to the public, show a free  
movie and then have speeches  
about how the boss is underpaying  
his employees. —Associated Press.

## PERMANENT RANKS

BOISE, Idaho, Mar. 24.

President Truman signed legis-  
lation yesterday granting the  
permanent ranks of general of the  
Army and fleet admiral of the  
Navy to wartime leaders who held  
those titles. The select group of top  
generals and admirals also will  
receive \$5,000 yearly allowances  
in addition to retirement pay.

The group includes Generals of  
the Army MacArthur, Marshall,  
Eisenhower and Arnold, and  
Admirals of the Navy Leahy,  
King and Nimitz. —Associated  
Press.

War Trial In  
Shanghai

Shanghai, Mar. 24.

The Japanese Grand Imperial  
Headquarters and War Ministry  
were charged yesterday with  
responsibility for Japan's enemy  
airmen's law in a statement  
read at the trial here of four  
Japanese charged with the death  
of three Doolittle fliers.

These two agencies "insti-  
gated the enactment of this  
law" and made it "retroactive  
to fit it to the past offense,"  
said the statement by Major  
Ituro Hata who was prosecu-  
tor at the court martial which  
sentenced eight Doolittle airmen  
to death. Five Americans were  
retrieved.

American prosecutors said  
they were convinced that Hata's  
statement and other evidence  
would be a basis for indictments  
against prominent members of  
the Japanese military regime  
responsible for promulgating  
the law which allowed the execu-  
tion of all enemy fliers.

Hata died in Tokyo early  
this year. He sent the state-  
ment voluntarily to allied head-  
quarters when he learned he  
was to be arrested. —Associated  
Press.

## Dramatic Scene

Shanghai, March 24.

Flag draped boxes, containing  
the ashes of three executed "Doo-  
little fliers" and a fellow Tokyo  
raider who died in prison, were  
dramatically placed before the  
military commission who are try-  
ing four Japanese officers on war  
crimes charges here.

"The boxes of the ashes of the  
executed airmen carried both their  
correct names, and false names,  
under which the Japanese regis-  
tered their deaths. R. O. Scott,  
the proprietor of a Shanghai  
funeral parlour, furnished the  
Japanese officers with the false  
correct names after Japan surren-  
dered." —Associated Press.

Russians Like  
Wrist Watches

Peiping, Mar. 24.

Russian soldiers in Manchuria  
are like youngsters with watches,  
and some know so little about  
them that they throw them away  
when they run down.

Upon entering Soviet-controlled  
territory the Chinese tell you the  
first thing to do is to hide your  
watch because the Russians have  
been taking them away from pa-  
sengers on trains.

Although forewarned on his  
trip to Mukden, Photographer  
George Lacks of "Life" magazine,  
looked at his timepiece as he walk-  
ed up the steps of the Intourist  
hotel with a correspondent's party.

An alert Russian guard imme-  
diately brightened, stepped over  
and pointed to Lacks' wrist watch.  
"I guess I made a mistake,"  
Lacks remarked as the guard  
admired the watch at close range.  
But the guard didn't try to take  
it. Inside the hotel, Lacks hid  
his timepiece for the rest of his  
Mukden visit. —Associated Press.

## U.N.O. ON THE AIR

Washington, Mar. 24.

All sessions of the United  
Nations Security Council will be  
broadcast to the world in several  
languages, the State Department's  
international broadcasting section  
announced yesterday.

Broadcasts will be made in  
French, Spanish, Cantonese, Man-  
darin, Japanese and Tagalog.  
—Associated Press.

## U.S. IN ICELAND

Reykjavik, Iceland, Mar. 24.

Fewer than 1,200 United  
States troops remain in Iceland  
where their presence has been  
subject to Moscow criticism. It  
was reported yesterday.

It was announced by the Ice-  
land government previously that  
no formal action is being taken  
for their withdrawal. —Asso-  
ciated Press.

Moscow Plays  
An Old Tune

London, Mar. 24.

Moscow Radio comments that  
"very little progress" has been  
made in U.S.-administered Japan  
toward reconstruction "along  
democratic lines."

"An increasingly bitter strug-  
gle is developing between the  
forces of democracy and reac-  
tionaries there."

Commentator V. Nikitchin as-  
serted that the landing of a  
new contingent of Dutch troops  
in Java continued to threaten  
world peace as it did when So-  
viet Ukraine cited it to the  
U.N.O. security council two  
months ago.

The landing of a new con-  
tingent of Dutch troops in  
Java "further complicated the  
already tense situation in In-  
donesia," Nikitchin said, and  
added "Dutch authorities still  
are trying by the force of  
arms to block the Indonesians'  
natural desire for liberty," while  
the British "still have the sup-  
port of aircraft and threaten to  
bring tanks into action again."

Recent events prove that the  
security council should accept  
the Ukrainian proposal, backed  
by Russian Vice-Minister of  
Foreign Affairs, Vishinsky, to  
send an international investigat-  
ing commission to Java, Nikit-  
chin said. —Associated Press.

Cook Gets \$9,000  
Back Pay

San Francisco, March 24.

King Fong-sung, Chinese-born  
cook, was cleared yesterday of a  
navy desertion charge and was  
awarded \$9,000 (US) in back  
pay.

The Navy lost track of him be-  
tween 1941 and after he had served  
on United States Navy gunboats  
in Asiatic waters since 1927. He  
was a survivor of the Panay  
gunboat attack and later was  
forced to work aboard transports.  
He reported back to the American  
Navy last September. His wife  
and family reside near Shanghai.  
—Associated Press.

Manila's New  
Radio Station

Manila, Mar. 24.

A high-powered international  
shortwave transmitter, beamed to  
Eastern Asia, including Man-  
churia, is under construction near  
Manila by the United States in-  
formation service.

Building of the 50,000 watt  
ultra-short and an equally high-  
power broadcast band transmitter,  
originally designed as a wartime  
function of the office of war in-  
formation, was halted on V-J  
day, but recently was resumed  
when the information service de-  
cided to expand to include West-  
ern broadcasts. It is not  
known whether it is planned to  
broadcast Russian-language pro-  
grammes or not. —Associated  
Press.

## FOOD CRISIS

Washington, Mar. 24.

American newspapers are giving  
steadily more space to the world food  
crisis and efforts to alleviate it.  
While reports from afflicted areas tell  
of approaching famine, American edi-  
torial columns urge the United States  
and other nations able to help to cut  
their food consumption and send the  
surpluses to the needy countries. —  
Associated Press.

## SEA-GOING "WORKHOUSE"

Montreal, Mar. 24.

The cargo ship Lucius W. Robinson  
of 3,900 tons—the first vessel operating  
on the Great Lakes to be sold to the  
Chinese Government by a Canadian com-  
pany—will start on her 15,000 mile trip  
to Shanghai as soon as the ice melts in  
Montreal harbor.

Shipping records describe the Lucius  
W. Robinson as the "workhouse" of the  
Atlantic. She went into the trade  
when Allied shipping was at its lowest,  
ending every trip without the loss of a  
pound of cargo.  
She came through six years of war,  
including three years of submarine action  
along the Atlantic seaboard.  
The trip to Shanghai will be lengthy  
as the Robinson's top speed is eight  
knots. —Reuter.

## CHARGES DISMISSED

Singapore, Mar. 24.

The Singapore Court today discharged  
S. C. Gobo, former Chairman of the  
Indian Independence League here during  
the Japanese occupation, who was  
charged with treason and sedition, was  
also discharged on the application of the  
prosecutor asked for the charge of sedition  
to be withdrawn on instructions from  
the "highest possible authority."

Gobo is said to have been detained  
since last November.  
Dr. Charles Frazier, leader of the  
European community in Singapore dur-  
ing the Japanese occupation, who was  
charged with treason and sedition, was  
also discharged on the application of the  
prosecutor.

The court also dismissed the charges  
against Abdul Samad, editor of the  
"Malay People" during the Japanese  
regime. —Reuter.

## Hollywood, March 24.

Mrs. Pat O'Brien, wife of the  
actor, has disclosed that they ex-  
pect to become parents in May.  
The O'Briens, who have been  
married 15 years, have three  
children. —Associated  
Press.

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